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¶1. (S) The Department is aware of Dr. Towfighi's referral to the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP) and the urgency with which he needs to depart the UAE. Per Post's request, PRM will expedite his USRAP processing to the extent possible by requesting expedited Security Advisory Opinion clearances for he and his family members and requesting DHS/USCIS officers to travel to the UAE to conduct the required personal interview and adjudicate his case at the earliest possible date, which is mid to late January 2009. Post should direct all inquiries regarding the status of Dr. Towfighi's case to PRM/A Program Officer Simone Heinlein (HeinleinSG (at) state.gov) and Regional Admissions Refugee Coordinator Rusty Ingraham (Ingraham (at) state.gov).

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